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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2560

**Introduced by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Chan, Hancock, Mullin, Pavley,
and Yee)**

February 23, 2006

An act to add Article 10 (commencing with Section 124174) to Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 106 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to child health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2560, as amended, Ridley-Thomas. Public School Health Center Program.

Existing law requires the State Department of Health Services to implement and administer various child health and disease prevention programs.

This bill would require the State Department of Health Services, in cooperation with the State Department of Education, to establish a Public School Health Center Program to perform specified functions relating to the establishment of public school health centers in California, in collaboration with the State Department of Education and the University of California, if the Regents of the University of California choose to participate in the program. This bill would require the State Department of Health Services to enter into an interagency agreement with the University of California, to establish

standardized data collection procedures and the maintenance of a database of health services provided by public school and local educational agency; health centers in California, and the tracking of health issues that are unique to school-aged youth, such as childhood obesity, asthma, immunizations against communicable diseases, and child and adolescent mental health disorders. The bill would require that the State Department of Health Services convene and participate in a Public School Health Center Advisory Committee, composed of specified members, and would prescribe the functions and duties of the advisory committee. This bill would require the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the State Department of Health Services and the University of California, to coordinate efforts to support public school health centers and to provide technical assistance to public school health centers. The bill would require program staff to prepare and submit a biennial report to the Legislature containing specified information regarding public school health care centers, beginning on or before January 1, 2009.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 10 (commencing with Section 124174)
2 is added to Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 106 of the Health and
3 Safety Code, to read:

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5 Article 10. Public School Health Center Program

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7 124174. The department, in cooperation with the State
8 Department of Education, shall establish a Public School Health
9 Center Program located in the *department's* School Health
10 Connections Office. The Public School Health Center Program
11 shall perform, in collaboration with the State Department of
12 Education and the University of California, ~~if the Regents of the~~
13 ~~University of California choose to participate in this program,~~ the
14 following functions:

15 (a) Provide outreach and promote enrollment of children in
16 Medi-Cal and the Healthy Families Program through school
17 health centers.

1 (b) Serve as a liaison between units within the department,
2 including, but not limited to, Medi-Cal, Maternal and Child
3 Health Branch, and the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board.

4 (c) Serve as a liaison between other state entities, where
5 appropriate, including, but not limited to, the State Department of
6 Mental Health, the State Department of Alcohol and Drug
7 Programs, the Department of Insurance, and the California Office
8 of Homeland Security.

9 (d) Provide technical assistance to facilitate and encourage the
10 establishment of health centers in public schools and local
11 educational agencies by identifying available public and private
12 sources of funding, including federal Medicaid funds, funds from
13 third-party reimbursements, and other available federal grant
14 moneys.

15 ~~(e) Authorize the department to accept and administer public~~
16 ~~and private grants or moneys to be used, upon appropriation by~~
17 ~~the Legislature, for, but not limited to, the following purposes:~~

18 ~~(1) To prevent and treat obesity and other chronic diseases.~~

19 ~~(2) To prevent and treat mental illness.~~

20 ~~(3) To improve coordination with health care and educational~~
21 ~~systems.~~

22 ~~(4) For other priorities as established by the department.~~

23 ~~(f) The number of grants awarded under this section shall~~
24 ~~depend upon available funding for these purposes.~~

25 *124174.1. (a) The department may accept and administer*
26 *public and private grants or moneys to be used by school health*
27 *centers, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for, but not*
28 *limited to, the following purposes:*

29 *(1) To prevent and treat obesity and other chronic diseases.*

30 *(2) To prevent and treat mental illness.*

31 *(3) To improve coordination with health care and educational*
32 *systems.*

33 *(4) For other priorities as established by the department.*

34 *(b) The number of grants awarded under this section shall*
35 *depend upon available funding for these purposes.*

36 ~~124174.1.~~

37 *124174.2. (a) The department shall convene and participate*
38 *in a Public School Health Center Advisory Committee,*
39 *composed of the following members:*

- 1 (1) The executive director or board president of the California
- 2 School Health Centers Association.
- 3 (2) Two representatives of school health centers.
- 4 (3) A representative of the department's Medical Services
- 5 Branch.
- 6 (4) A representative of the State Department of Education.
- 7 (5) A representative of the California School Nurses
- 8 Organization.
- 9 (6) Two youth representatives of the statewide policy
- 10 leadership program on school health.
- 11 (7) A parent or adult consumer of school health center services
- 12 or other community leader involved with school health centers.
- 13 (8) A representative of the California Dental Association.
- 14 ~~(b) A total of~~
- 15 (9) *An additional* six members composed of any combination
- 16 of the following:
- 17 ~~(1) A representative of the State PTA.~~
- 18 ~~(2) A physician.~~
- 19 ~~(3) A representative of the California Office of Homeland~~
- 20 ~~Security.~~
- 21 ~~(4) A representative of the Managed Risk Medical Insurance~~
- 22 ~~Board.~~
- 23 ~~(5) A representative of the State Department of Mental Health.~~
- 24 ~~(6) A representative of the Department of Finance.~~
- 25 ~~(7) A representative of the State Senate.~~
- 26 ~~(8) A representative of the State Assembly.~~
- 27 ~~(9) A representative of a managed care organization.~~
- 28 ~~(10) A representative of a private foundation.~~
- 29 ~~(11) A local health officer.~~
- 30 ~~(12) A dental health professional.~~
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- 32 (B) *A physician.*
- 33 (C) *A representative of the California Office of Homeland*
- 34 *Security.*
- 35 (D) *A representative of the managed Risk Medical Insurance*
- 36 *Board.*
- 37 (E) *A representative of the State Department of Mental Health.*
- 38 (F) *A representative of the Department of Finance.*
- 39 (G) *A representative of the State Senate.*
- 40 (H) *A representative of the State Assembly.*

1 (I) A representative of a managed care organization.

2 (J) A representative of a private foundation.

3 (K) A local health officer.

4 (L) A dental health professional.

5 ~~(e)~~

6 (b) The advisory committee shall meet twice annually and
7 shall advise the Public School Health Center Program on school
8 health center financing, data collection, and coordination with
9 other programs, and shall provide technical assistance.

10 ~~124174.2.~~

11 ~~124174.3.~~ (a) The department shall enter into an interagency
12 agreement with the University of California to establish
13 standardized data collection and maintain a database of health
14 services provided by public-school, and LEA, school and local
15 educational agency health centers.

16 (b) The data collected shall include:

17 (1) Contact information for each public school health center.

18 (2) The annual number of schoolaged children receiving health
19 or mental health services from the public-school, or LEA, school
20 or local educational agency health center.

21 (3) The type and volume of services provided by the public
22 school, or LEA, school or local educational agency health
23 center.

24 (4) Funding mechanisms used by the public-school, or LEA,
25 school or local educational agency health center.

26 (5) Information on other programs offered by the public
27 school health centers with an emphasis on preventative health
28 services which address health issues unique to school-aged youth
29 including, but not limited to, childhood obesity, asthma,
30 immunizations against communicable diseases, and child and
31 adolescent mental health disorders.

32 ~~(c) Local educational agencies shall be encouraged, but not~~
33 ~~required.~~ *The department shall encourage, but not require, local*
34 *educational agencies to provide data to the University of*
35 *California.*

36 ~~124174.3.~~

37 ~~124174.4.~~ The State Department of Education shall perform
38 both of the following functions, in collaboration with the
39 department and the University of California:

(a) Coordinate programs which support school health centers within the State Department of Education and with programs located in the State Department of Mental Health and the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, where appropriate.

(b) Provide technical assistance to facilitate and encourage the establishment of health centers in public schools by sharing information among local education agencies regarding facilities utilization, liability insurance, cooperative agreements with community-based providers, and other issues pertinent to health centers in public schools.

~~124174.4.~~

124174.5. The Public School Health Center Program, in collaboration with the State Department of Education, shall act as a liaison for school-based health centers and submit to the Legislature, beginning on or before January, 1, 2009, a biennial report that includes information on all of the following:

(a) The number and geographic distribution of public school, or LEA, school or local educational agency health centers.

(b) The number of school-aged children who were served by public school or local educational agency health centers.

~~(b) The type and volume of health and mental health services provided by public school, or LEA, health centers.~~

~~(c) A description of any potential benefits to expanding state support for public school, or LEA, health centers.~~

~~(d) A description of state funds used by public school, or LEA, health centers.~~

~~(e) A description of any obstacles to the financial sustainability of public school, or LEA, health centers, and any necessary policy changes that would address those financial obstacles.~~

(c) The type and volume of health and mental health services provided by public school or local educational agency health centers.

(d) A description of any potential benefits to expanding state support for public school or local educational agency health centers.

(e) A description of state funds used by public school or local educational agency health centers.

(f) A description of any obstacles to the financial sustainability of public school or local educational agency health centers, and

1 *any necessary policy changes that would address those financial*
2 *obstacles.*
3 *124174.6. No provision of this article shall apply to the*
4 *University of California unless the Regents of the University of*
5 *California choose to participate in the Public School Health*
6 *Center Program, established pursuant to Section 124174.*

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